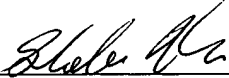


**Remarks/Arguments**

The present amendment cancels claims 32-38, 40, 43, 44, 49-57 and 97 without prejudice to future prosecution. The canceled claims were either rejected in the prior office action or withdrawn from prosecution. In total, claims 1-44 and 49-97 are canceled without prejudice to future prosecution. The prior office action rejoined claims 47-48 with the examined group and indicated that claims 45-48, 98 and 99 are allowed.

Accordingly the claims are in condition for allowance. Please charge deposit account 13-2755 for fees due in connection with this amendment. If any time extensions are needed for the timely filing of the present amendment, applicants petition for such extensions and authorize the charging of deposit account 13-2755 for the appropriate fees.

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